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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of documents (1) to (3) are enclosed.

- (1) JP 10-171758
- (2) JP 10-187572
- (3) JP 10-320410

Documents (1) to (3) were cited during prosecution of a Japanese patent application corresponding to the above U.S. application. A copy of the Japanese Office Action, which is dated December 1, 2006, is enclosed. In view of this date, it is hereby certified under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) that each document in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Statement.

English-language abstracts accompany each of documents (1) to (3). The concise explanation of relevance for non-English language documents (1) to (3) is believed to be satisfied by the enclosed English language abstracts. See MPEP § 609.

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